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**Supplemental
Notice of Allowability**

Application No.	Applicant(s)	
09/678,906	HANSON ET AL.	
Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 7/21/2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-26.
3. The drawings filed on 31 January 2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
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6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.


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SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Supplemental Action is issued to amend claims 18-25 to recite statutory tangible embodiments.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gero G. McClellan, Reg. No. 44,227 on 07/21/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 18 (Currently amended),

line 3, delete [signal bearing] and replace with —tangible—

Claim 19 (Currently amended),

line 2, delete [signal bearing], delete [transmission] and replace with —tangible—

Claim 20 (Currently amended),

line 2, delete [signal bearing] and replace with —tangible—

Claim 21 (Currently amended),
line 1, delete [signal bearing] and replace with –storage—

Claim 22 (Currently amended),
line 1, delete [signal bearing] and replace with –storage—

Claim 23 (Currently amended),
line 1, delete [signal bearing] and replace with –storage—

Claim 24 (Currently amended),
line 1, delete [signal bearing] and replace with –storage—

Claim 25 (Currently amended),
line 1, delete [signal bearing] and replace with –storage—

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mary Steelman, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3704. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday, from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan

Q. Dam can be reached at (571) 272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned: 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC 2100 Group receptionist: 571-272-2100.

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